DECLASSIFIED
P780106-1871

(305)

FIORC

July 2 0, 1978

Dear Senator Ribicoff:

The Secretary has asked me to reply to your June 27 letter concerning the disappearance of three priests in Argentina.

The Department has requested our Embassy to make inquiries concerning Fathers Pablo Gazzari, Carlos Bustos and Rieber Silva at the Argentine Foreign Ministry's Working Group on Human Rights.

Numerous other cases have also been presented to the Argentine Government and our concern over the general situation of human rights has been conveyed to the Argentines.

As soon as I have information about the three priests I will let your office know.

Sincerely,

Douglas J. Bennet, Jr.
Assistant Secretary
for Congressional Relations.

Enclosure:
Correspondence returned.

The Honorable
Abe Ribicoff,
United States Senate.

Drafted:ARA/ECA:JNBumpus:jma
7/6/1978 x 29166 0102-0047

Clearances:ARA/ECA:RWZimmermann
ARA:GLister
H:CCutter

DECLASSIFIED

DEPARTMENT OF STATE A/CDC/MR
REVIEWED BY [illegible] DATE 11/24/82
RNS☐or XDS☐EXT. DATE
TS AUTH. REASON(S)
ENDORSE EXISTING MARKINGS ☐
DECLASSIFIED☐ RELEASABLE☒
RELEASE DENIED☐
PA or FOI EXEMPTIONS